

H5377–78, H5379–80, and H5380. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 9:57 p.m.

Committee Meetings

OVERSIGHT OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of the U.S. Department of Agriculture”. Testimony was heard from Tom Vilsack, Secretary, Department of Agriculture.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 511, the “Tribal Labor Sovereignty Act of 2015”. H.R. 511 was ordered reported, as amended.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power held a markup on a bill to modernize energy infrastructure, build a 21st century energy and manufacturing workforce, bolster America’s energy security and diplomacy, promote energy efficiency and government accountability, and for other purposes. The bill was forwarded to the full committee, without amendment.

PROMOTING BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “Promoting Broadband Infrastructure Investment”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING FEDERAL RESERVE REFORM PROPOSALS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Monetary Policy and Trade held a hearing entitled “Examining Federal Reserve Reform Proposals”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL AND ITS IMPACT ON TERRORISM FINANCING

Committee on Financial Services: Task Force to Investigate Terrorism Financing held a hearing entitled “The Iran Nuclear Deal and Its Impact on Terrorism Financing”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PROMOTING U.S. COMMERCE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and North Africa held a hearing entitled “Promoting U.S. Commerce in the Middle East

and North Africa”. Testimony was heard from Elizabeth Richard, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and Scott Nathan, Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

THE UNFOLDING CRISIS IN BURUNDI

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, Global Human Rights, and International Organizations held a hearing entitled “The Unfolding Crisis in Burundi”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION’S SOCIAL COST OF CARBON

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “An Analysis of the Obama Administration’s Social Cost of Carbon”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian, Insular and Alaska Native Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 1880, the “Albuquerque Indian School Land Transfer Act”; and H.R. 2388, the “Subsistence Access Management Act of 2015”. Testimony was heard from Mike Black, Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 598, the “Taxpayers Right-To-Know Act”; H.R. 2320, the “Federal Improper Payments Coordination Act of 2015”; H.R. 3089, the “Grants Oversight and New Efficiency Act” or the “GONE Act”; H.R. 1613, the “Federal Vehicle Repair Cost Savings Act of 2015”; S. 136, the “Gold Star Fathers Act of 2015”; H.R. 3116, the “Quarterly Financial Report Reauthorization Act”; H.R. 322, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 16105 Swingley Ridge Road in Chesterfield, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Zachary M. Fisher Post Office”; H.R. 323, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 Grasso Plaza in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Sgt. Amanda N. Pinson Post Office”; H.R. 324, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11662 Gravois Road in St. Louis, Missouri, as the “Lt. Daniel P. Riordan Post Office”; H.R. 558, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 55 South Pioneer Boulevard in Springboro, Ohio, as the “Richard ‘Dick’ Chenault Post Office”; H.R. 1884, to designate the facility of the United States Postal

Service located at 206 West Commercial Street in East Rochester, New York, as the “Officer Daryl R. Pierson Memorial Post Office”; and H.R. 3059, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 4500 SE 28th Street, Del City, Oklahoma, as the “James Robert Kalsu Post Office”. The following bills were ordered reported, as amended: H.R. 598, H.R. 2320, and H.R. 3089. The following bills were ordered reported, without amendment: H.R. 1613, S. 136, H.R. 3116, H.R. 322, H.R. 323, H.R. 324, H.R. 558, H.R. 1884, and H.R. 3059.

ENFORCE THE LAW FOR SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3009, the “Enforce the Law for Sanctuary Cities Act”. The committee granted, by record vote of 8–3, a closed rule for H.R. 3009. The rule provides one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one motion to recommit. Testimony was heard from Chairman Goodlatte and Representative Lofgren.

HOW TAX COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS HINDER SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “How Tax Compliance Obligations Hinder Small Business Growth”. Testimony was heard from J. Christopher Mihm, Managing Director, Strategic Issues, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

HELPING REVITALIZE AMERICAN COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing entitled “Helping Revitalize American Communities Through the Brownfields Program”. Testimony was heard from Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Environmental Protection Agency; Cindy Hafner, Chief Legal Counsel, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency; J. Christian Bollwage, Mayor of the City of Elizabeth, New Jersey; Vernice Miller-Travis, Vice Chair, Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities, and member, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to U.S. EPA; and public witnesses.

SECRETARY’S TESTIMONY REGARDING THE PENDING VA HEALTH CARE BUDGET SHORTFALL AND SYSTEM SHUTDOWN

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing to receive the Secretary’s testimony regarding the pending VA health care budget shortfall and system shutdown. Testimony was heard from Robert McDonald, Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a markup on H.R. 272, the “Medal of Honor Priority Care Act”; H.R. 359, the “Veterans Dog Training Therapy Act”; H.R. 421, the “Classified Veterans Access to Care Act”; H.R. 423, the “Newborn Care Improvement Act”; H.R. 1862, the “Veterans’ Credit Protection Act”; H.R. 2464, the “Demanding Accountability for Veterans Act of 2015”; H.R. 2915, the “Female Veteran Suicide Prevention Act”; H.R. 3016, the “VA Provider Equity Act”; and H.R. 3106, to authorize Department major medical facility construction projects for fiscal year 2015, to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements in the administration of Department medical facility construction projects, and for other purposes. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, as amended: H.R. 421 and H.R. 3106. The following bills were forwarded to the full committee, without amendment: H.R. 272, H.R. 359, H.R. 423, H.R. 1862, H.R. 2464, H.R. 2915, and H.R. 3016.

HOSPITAL PAYMENT ISSUES, RURAL HEALTH ISSUES, AND BENEFICIARY ACCESS TO CARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing with MedPAC to discuss hospital payment issues, rural health issues, and beneficiary access to care. Testimony was heard from Mark Miller, Executive Director, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D798)

H.R. 91, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans. Signed on July 20, 2015. (Public Law 114–31)